

Second vice-presidential candidates



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Tiwald says student government is lobbyist

ASUN is coming out of the student council era. It is not really a government but a lobby for what students want, according to Stephen R. Tiwald, candidate for second-vice-president.

"Student government, if we must use the term, is a means of achieving student participation in decision making that affects student life," said Tiwald, a sophomore from Omaha.

A resident of Schramm Hall, he is emphasizing several broad areas in the campaign. Education is one.

"After all that is the reason we are here," Tiwald said. "The student should be the most important thing."

That is not the case at this point however, he continued. Education is just being fed the student. University students should participate in policy decisions.

"I'm not saying we are smarter than the faculty or the administration," he stressed. "But we can make definite contributions."

Course content is one gigantic problem at NU, according to the second vice presidential candidate who used to attend Maryknoll College in Chicago.

A lot of courses are totally irrelevant, he said. New courses are needed. Outdated and outmoded courses should be replaced or updated.

The faculty is somewhat responsible for the course problems, Tiwald said. "A lot of teachers haven't changed their notes since they came to the University."

One way to facilitate this needed change is through the new teaching council, Tiwald said. Two students will be members of this innovation, which will promote experimentation and new methods in teaching at NU.

Students can have a say in curriculum development and reform, elimination of requirements and other changes through this Teaching Council, he said.

Another council will facilitate the second major plank in Tiwald's platform. The New Council on Student Life can be extremely valuable, he said.

Basically Tiwald believes that all students are capable of thinking for themselves, especially outside of the classroom. Students are adults and should be treated as such. The University administration is trying to be too paternalistic.

"We are tired of the administration acting en loco parentis," Tiwald said. He cited three areas of concern — women's hours, coed visitation and on campus-off campus living regulations.

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Griffin advocates minority group voice

One of the most important issues facing ASUN is the lack of minority group representation, according to Greg Griffin, a candidate for ASUN second vice president.

"Black students should have a voice in ASUN," he said. "If I am elected, it would be the first time that minority groups have had representation among ASUN executives."

Griffin, a native of Omaha and a resident of Abel Hall, is emphasizing three other points in his campaign.

—The University should offer more pass-fail courses, he said. These courses should be used to satisfy some group requirements too, he said.

At present, pass-fail courses are not properly set up, he said. They are available to only a few students. The pass-fail privilege should be extended to freshmen.

—Griffin would like to see a more liberal attitude toward dormitory life, especially in regards to women's hours.

"Students are mature enough to decide their own hours," he said. "I know that when I was a freshman I was ready to do so. The dormitories should be opened up."

—Introductory courses are too dull, he charged. It is difficult if not impossible to get something out of a class that has hundreds of students enrolled in it, he continued.

Some teachers seem to have no interest in the introductory courses, Griffin said. Salaries should be more attractive so that better teachers will come to NU. Also, teachers should be more involved with students rather than with research.

The candidate, making his first bid for a student government office, also advocates peaceful demonstrations.

"Sometimes they are the only logical solutions," he said. Students should try to work with NU the administration, but sometimes communications break down.

The black students, in their demonstrations two weeks ago, showed that peaceful demonstrations can go a long way towards solving problems of the students, Griffin remarked.

Students, by demonstrating, can show the administration that there is real interest and concern about a problem, he said. It is up to the students to show this interest.

One area in which there is

great student concern is the dormitory fees, according to Griffin. Rates were recently raised by the Board of Regents.

"I live in a dorm," Griffin said. "It was a shock to me. There was no notice. It will work hardships on a lot of students."

However, ASUN really does lack sufficient power to get results, he said.

ASUN must be made much more relevant to the students, continued Griffin. Some meetings should be held in the dormitories so that students can easily hear what is happening. A much closer relationship between ASUN and the students is needed. ASUN should communicate better with the students.

The student organization can be valuable in getting student concerns before the proper authorities, he said. Sometimes the administration must be forced to look at the problems.

Griffin, a junior, said that his major qualification for the job is interest in the students. He feels he can represent their views.

"More specifically, the minority students on campus are not represented," he said. "I believe I can voice some of their opinions."

Groups wishing Union office space to meet

Organizations seeking office space in the Nebraska Union for next year will meet with the Student Union Board at 7 p.m. Wednesday to discuss and defend requests for space, according to Susie Jenkins, Board president.

Miss Jenkins said that due to the large number of groups desiring space and the deficiency of available office spaces, the Union Board must select future occupants from applications and in order of need.

"We want to hear all groups' reasons in order to avoid any arbitrary decisions," Miss Jenkins said. "Even with the new spaces available quite a few groups will not receive permanent space."

She said, however, that temporary office and desk space are also available for groups.

Student groups that have not yet applied for Union space may do so until Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the main office, she said.

Kincaid suggests 'Power in numbers'

"As an executive I would be in the position of helping lead campus opinion. My primary role should be to help initiate and develop interest," said Tim Kincaid, a candidate for ASUN second vice-president.

There are about 18,000 students on this campus, Kincaid continued. There is power in such numbers, power that administrators, legislators and other officials are bound to take into consideration.

At the present time, however, there is a decided lack of interest among the students, he said. The ASUN executives have a responsibility to do something about it and get the campus moving.

SUCH THINGS AS lobbying at the Unicameral and demonstrating can show student concern and interest, the candidate said. ASUN however, until it improves communication, cannot be

very helpful in these areas.

He proposes several things to help remedy the problem. There should be more discussion between ASUN and the Board of Regents. ASUN officials should attend weekly Hyde Park sessions to talk with students. Possibly a press conference-type meeting could be started, where students and the press could find out what's going on in ASUN.

ASUN can become a very effective group on campus, Kincaid continued. If the organization exploits all channels of communication — including demonstrations.

DEMONSTRATIONS SHOW student involvement, he said. They can be quite effective. Of course, they must be peaceful to the extent that no damage is done to people or property.

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